

transaction of its business, and the security and collection of its debts.

SEC. 5. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after the ratification thereof. [*Ratified the 12th day of December, 1856.*]

Chap. 139. AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER THE SECURITIES OF JAMES A. BROWN, LATE SHERIFF OF PITT COUNTY, TO COLLECT ARREARS OF TAXES DUE FOR THE YEARS 1852-'53.

Taxes for
1852-'53.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That the securities of James A. Brown, late sheriff of Pitt county, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to collect all arrears of taxes due said sheriff for the years 1852-'53, which collection shall be made under the same rules, regulations and restrictions as other collections of taxes by virtue of the laws of the State: *Provided*, That the authority by this act granted shall not extend to persons who have removed from the county, or to executors or administrators, nor to any person who will voluntarily swear before any justice of the peace for said county, that he or she verily believes that the arrears of taxes claimed from him or her, have been paid.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the power and authority hereby granted shall cease and determine with the year 1857.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect, and be in force from and after its ratification. [*Ratified the 8th day of January, 1857.*]

Chap. 140. AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NORTH-CAROLINA GAS, COAL AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

Body corpo-
rate.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North-Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same*, That James J. Duncan, David B. Birney, George P. Fouchée, George Presbury and Samuel M. Lane,